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Sir:

The Examiner in the Advisory Action of December 17, 2003, mentioned that a further search may be required because of the amendment to claims and because of the use of the term "solid flexible." It is respectfully submitted that this phraseology is amply supported by the present application description and drawings, and particularly by the paragraph at lines 12-21 on page 32 of the present application. The reference to solid was particularly added to further distinguish over the Kalb '457 patent which discloses a lens in the form of a bag, and the lens optic and haptics are inflatable as versus the solid lens of the present application. A typical definition of solid is of definite shape and volume, not liquid nor gaseous, firm in substance, and not hollow.

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